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The Bartlett Snow Roller—Restored 2015

What's New at the BHS Museum?
"Local Historical Anniversaries" and Patriotism

On July Fourth, we welcomed a crowd of about 110 visitors into our Bartlett Historical Society Museum. They came to see our new exhibits themed around "Local Historical Anniversaries" with a touch of patriotism. A sampling of Guest Book comments tells the story of how visitors reacted to the exhibits:



"Fantastic work you are doing"
"Thank you for keeping History Alive"
"Love the exhibits. I'll be back again"
"Thank you for preserving our local history in such a beautiful space"
"Wonderful – Learned a lot! Thanks"

Our new displays include:

- The history of the life of Josiah Bartlett, an American patriot for whom our town is named
- The stories of the six Revolutionary War veterans who settled here in Bartlett, five of whom were founders of the town
- A remembrance of the Willey family who were killed in a horrific storm 200 years ago on August 28, 1826
- A look at local weather events dating back to the 1700s and how they impacted our region
- A history of the town of Livermore that, 150 years ago on July 11, 1876, was incorporated as a town in New Hampshire
- A look back at out Bartlett Bicentennial celebration in 1990
- And an expanded military display honoring the service of our local veterans as well as additions to our tourism display.



Betsy Ross Flag



Josiah Bartlett Portrait



Revisiting Bartlett Bicentennial



Livermore—Then & Now

As always, when we are changing our displays a lot of energy and time is spent doing research on topics, developing the historical stories that will be meaningful to visitors, and finally arranging all the displays. This requires the dedicated support of several BHS Board members. Plus, with this new exhibit, we were fortunate to have support from other historians in the Mount Washington Valley.

The Bartlett Historical Society Museum is open every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to spend some time learning about our local history. Admission is free; donations at the door for museum operations are gratefully appreciated



President's Message

Summer has finally arrived here in the White Mountains. The last snow that fell on Mount Washington on May 30th has melted and we're into the summer heat. At BHS we continue to move forward with our research projects, new museum exhibits, and planning for our organization's future.

First on behalf of the BHS Board of Directors and myself, a few "Thank You" notes:

- Thank you to Joe and Lise Peters for volunteering to plow the snow from our museum parking area this past winter. This saved us a lot of snow clearing work
- Thank you, Mark Spaulding, for taking the time to help construct a much-needed utility shed behind the museum building. Now, the lawn mower, snowblower, and yard tools are being stored properly and not under the mobility assistance ramp
- We thank Patty Belcik, our BHS gardener, for her care of the flower gardens at the museum
- Thank you to Dr. Peter Crane, Curator of the Mount Washington Observatory, for his advice and donation/loan of items that greatly enhanced our new Weather exhibit
- Also, thank you to Bob Cottrell, Curator of the Henney History Room at the Conway Public Library, for his help with the Willey family exhibit in the museum as well as the Conway Historical Society and Executive Director, Heather Corrigan, for the loan of artifacts to enhance the Willey exhibit. Also to Kathy Van Dursen of the Bartlett Public Library for their loan of a portrait and documentation on Josiah Bartlett
- Finally, a major thanks to our BHS Curator, Kathy Howard, and Treasurer, Sue Franklin for their diligent work in assembling the new exhibits in the museum. While all members of the BHS Board contributed to this effort, Kathy and Sue were at the center of the effort.

We are very proud of our new museum exhibits. With topics such the Revolutionary War, the Willey tragedy, weather, Livermore, and more, we invite you to plan some time for a visit.

A BHS member recently opened a discussion with me about doing a survey of all of the barns located in Bartlett. We hope to have more to tell about this research project in our next edition.

We're doing another Quilt Raffle fundraiser. You'll find more information about this raffle in this newsletter. My wife, Sue, has made another spectacular quilt and donated it to BHS.

If anyone is interested in helping as a volunteer at the museum, please contact me. We'd like to get more people involved in greeting and talking with visitors about our local history and other museum activities. If you think this isn't for you because you aren't that up to date on local history, I assure you that you can learn it quickly.

Finally, on behalf of our BHS Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of BHS. If you have any questions, comments or ideas about BHS or Bartlett, Hart's Location or Livermore history, please let me know by dropping me an email at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Phil Franklin

President, Bartlett Historical Society

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BHS Notes

Our BHS Quilt Raffle is Back

Our past *Quilt Raffle* fundraisers have been quite popular. This year, our expert quilter and BHS Treasurer, Sue Franklin, has made a beautiful quilt in a pattern titled "Floating Stars." The quilt has a red, off-white, and blue color theme; it measures 75" x 90". It will be at the museum until October 21st when we draw the winning ticket.

Also, this year, we are adding a surprise second prize with two tickets on the *Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour* donated by the Jackson Chamber of Commerce. This fun event involves a horse drawn sleigh ride and, of course, holiday chocolates. According to the Chamber's calendar, the tour will run every Saturday and Sunday from November 21 through December 20, 2026. Our sincere thanks to the Jackson Chamber of Commerce for their support.


2026 Quilt
"Floating Stars"

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to our BHS General Fund to help offset the operational costs of the BHS museum. Tickets for the quilt are $5 for 1 ticket; $20 for 5 tickets; $50 for 15 tickets. Tickets are available at the BHS museum, at all BHS events, online at the BHS website (https://bartlett-new-hampshire-historical-society.square.site/museum-store, or by mail (send ticket requests to Bartlett Historical Society, c/o Quilt Raffle, PO Box 514, Bartlett, NH 03812 – please include the number of tickets you want to purchase and a check for those tickets).

Winter's coming soon and this quilt will be just the thing to keep you warm. Or, this would make a great Christmas gift. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support.

Roundtable Discussion with New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources

In June, BHS President, Phil Franklin, attended a "Regional Preservation Roundtable" discussion in Bethlehem, NH sponsored by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. After informative presentations on the functions of each organization by their representatives, the floor was then opened for general discussion on anything the attendees had on their minds regarding the topic of historic preservation.

Attendees to the meeting included representatives from other historical societies plus some Bethlehem town officials, a couple of contractors interested in preservation work, and some folks from the public interested in this topic. An interesting discussion ensued on topics such as adapting historic structures to new functions while retaining the character of the building's history, land conservation easements, fundraising and marketing for historical societies, a community revitalization tax easement program, and the use of solar panels on historic buildings. Phil brought several ideas back to the BHS Board of Directors for consideration to be integrated into our BHS organization.

The Town of Bartlett's Old Safe—Coming Soon!



Name plate on the safe

The old "Town of Bartlett" safe is being donated to BHS by the Board of Selectmen. We plan to move it into the museum soon. This Mosler safe measures 30" x 30" x 64" may be from 1886. We need to do some floor reinforcement before the move. That should be completed shortly. Then, we'll tackle the move. Our thanks to the Selectmen for this donation of another piece of Bartlett history to BHS.


The safe pictured in it's last use in the Police Department

BHS Quarterly Presentation Series News

The BHS Quarterly Presentation Series is a way for the Historical Society to offer informative presentations on topics of local historical interest. We are always interested to know what you'd like to hear about. If you have an idea for a topic, please let us know.

Recap of a Couple of Recent Presentations

"Wit and Wisdom: The Forgotten Literary Life of New England Villages" with Jo Radner, Freelance Storyteller and Oral Historian—Presented April 15, 2026



Jo's presentation focused on small literary societies or gatherings in the 1800s. She told the audience how people in communities would regularly gather to listen to stories members of their community had written about a variety of topics. The scripts were compiled into books and neighborhood discussions occurred about these topics. This provided an enjoyable way for people to practice their writing skills and also air their thoughts and feelings about the topics at hand. An interesting look at early American life in small communities.

"Colonies to Country: The Forming of the United States of America" with Bob Cottrell, Curator of the Henney History Room, Local Historian—Presented on June 17, 2026



Bob's presentation started with a review of the timeline that led to the Revolutionary War, dispelling several myths and giving credit where credit for heroism was due. After this part of the presentation, he offered a view of the challenges life presented in the colonial days. He noted several things we take for granted today such as cooking meals, communication, and transportation. His talk provided a very different and interesting look at life then versus now.

2026 Presentation Line-Up—Last Presentation for 2026!

Wednesday, October 21, 2026: Abenaki: Past, Present & Future" with Bob Cottrell, Curator of the Henney History Room, Local Historian



The Abenaki Indian Nation occupied land from Canada through New Hampshire and Maine moving seasonally throughout the area. They had a settlement in Intervale. Join us to learn about this local Indian Nation, the issues of Native American culture in the area, and the efforts to preserve that culture.

Bartlett Historical Society & Museum, 13 School Street, Bartlett, Time: 7:00 p.m.

2027 Presentation Line-Up

We're starting to think about the 2027 line-up of presentations and, as always, we're interested in what you, our members, might be interested in hearing about. Over the past year, our presentation topics have covered the history of logging railroads, early American community life, the Revolutionary War time period, and soon to come, the Abenaki Indian history of the area.

If you have a topic that you'd like to have us explore, please let us know. You can drop a note to Phil Franklin at Phil@BartlettHistory.org. If the topic looks feasible, we'll try to find a qualified speaker and add it to the line-up.

BHS Curator's Report—BHS Curator Kathy Howard

July 4th weekend is past and so is the official launch of our new exhibits. The reward of seeing people enjoy the new exhibits made the effort of assembling them worthwhile. As you've seen in this newsletter, we focused the new exhibits on a theme of local historical anniversaries. This includes biographies of six Bartlett citizens, reviewing their Revolutionary War and civic experiences. We've highlighted the 150th anniversary of the formation of the town of Livermore and remembered the 200th anniversary of the loss of the Willey family along with the impact weather events have had on our area. We even looked back at the 1990 Bartlett Bicentennial. Finally, we expanded our military and tourism exhibits. The new exhibits will be in place until year end so plan some time to stop in for a visit to the museum. There's a lot to see and learn.

We are already starting to plan for the next round of exhibits which will be launched in January 2027. We hope to present a look at how the town of Bartlett "functions" highlighting town government and major town related services past and present. We are always thinking about the next round of exhibits!

Cataloging of books, papers and other donated items always continues in the background of exhibit planning. Generous donors have provided us with additions to our military collection, photos from the Bartlett Bicentennial, a number of maps and a large collection of memorabilia related to the Evans family including one of Hattie Evans' original diaries. These items will eventually find their place in future exhibits.

A dedicated volunteer continues to catalog our postcard collection, adding new records weekly. Postcard records will be linked to descriptions or histories of the places shown on the card. Eventually a scanned image of each postcard will be added to the catalog record in our PastPerfect database and viewable on our new website.

Work continues on adding information from the Bartlett History website to our PastPerfect database, creating records with short histories on a number of topics. Photos from the website are also added to these new records creating a full written and pictorial "view". We plan to launch the new website later this year.

Another volunteer has recently completed a review of cemetery information found in a recently acquired in a 1990 compilation of cemetery records. The next step is to combine this information with current burial information to create a comprehensive and updatable record of our Bartlett cemeteries. This information will be available on our new website.

A new project involves researching the US Census records to document the lives of Bartlett residents. By studying Census records we can document the histories of families who have lived in Bartlett for generations. The long-term plan is to document residents from the early 1800's records through the 1950 published Census for Bartlett, Hart's Location, and Livermore.

As you can see, research continues in many, many areas. We have received requests to research and document old homes and other properties, schools, and municipal organizations such as the fire and police departments and more. This takes time and people to do the task. If you have an interest in "finding out" about any of these areas or a favorite subject of your own, stop by and Museum staff can point the way to start you on your research search. Museum staff are on hand to help every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 10am-2Pm. Stop by for a visit soon!

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of taking the BHS into the future please contact us at bartletthistorynh@gmail.com or call (603) 374-5037. Better yet, come in for a visit and let us know directly that you would like to be a part of the process!

Six Men in Service to Our New Nation and Foundation of Bartlett

By Phil Franklin

The Revolutionary War was fought by brave men with one common goal – freedom from British rule. New Hampshire contributed three regiments plus numerous local militias to this cause. In 1776, Bartlett was yet to be a New Hampshire town and while settlers started living in this mountainous area, no one from the future Bartlett is known to have served in the Revolution. After the war was won, however, more settlers moved into the land that would become Bartlett. Five war veterans moved directly here while a sixth moved to Conway and would soon become a Bartlett resident.

When these men went off to war, four were just teenagers with the youngest being 15 years old; the other two men were 24 and 35 years old. Their war records show different experiences, some fighting in battles, one deserted twice, one spent a year as a POW, and one spent most of his time with an illness keeping him out of active soldiering duties. After the war, each man, Richard Garland, Austin George, Ebenezer Hall, Obediah Hall, Joseph Pitman, and Jonathan Tasker, made significant contributions to their new hometown, Bartlett.

Richard Garland

Richard Garland enlisted into Mooney's Regiment, New Hampshire Militia in 1779 at Dover, NH as a Private (under the name Richard "Garling"). He was sixteen years old, born in May 1763. This militia was deployed to Rhode Island to assist in the defense of that state from British invasion. War records indicate that he spent most of his time in or around Providence. After six months he was discharged.

In 1780, now as Richard Garland, he enlisted in the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment for a period of six months again at the rank of Private. He was stationed in Worcester, MA. War records for this area and regiment did not identify any battle activity.

After his service, he married and moved to Bartlett in 1783, clearing a plot of land for farming. Garland and his wife, Sarah, raised five sons and three daughters. As a founding father of Bartlett in 1790, when Bartlett became an incorporated town, he was the first constable and tax collector. In 1794, he became one of the town selectmen. In 1803, he was a delegate to a convention to form a new county in northern New Hampshire. And, in 1817, as roads were being built in Bartlett, he was one of five men appointed as "directors" to build a bridge across the Saco River.

Garland died in March 1853 at the age of 89 and was buried in the Garland Ridge Cemetery.

Austin George



3rd Hew Hampshire Regiment Battle Flag

Austin George was born in March 1760. He was fifteen years old when, in 1775, he enlisted as a Private in Colonel John Stark's 1st New Hampshire Regiment for an uneventful three-month tour. In 1777, from Chester, NH, he re-enlisted into Colonel Alexander Scammell's 3rd New Hampshire Regiment for a three-year tour of duty. His initial muster was at Loudon's Ferry, NY where he likely saw battle action against British General John Burgoyne's troops. He spent nine months at Valley Forge, September 1777 to May 1778, followed by several months between Danbury and Hartford, CT where his regiment was guarding the supplies of the Continental Army (Connecticut was known as the "Provision State" where army supplies were stored). In 1779, his regiment moved to Reading, PA where he engaged in battles in Berks County PA to protect the city of Philadelphia. Finally, in June 1780, he was continued on next page

discharged while at Danbury, CT.


1st New Hampshire Regiment Battle Flag

George had one other short-lived time of service while living in Conway. He joined "Osgood's and Walker's Scouts" for a sixteen-day span in August 1881. As a Scout, he helped protect Conway and adjacent towns from Indian invasion. The Scouts were disbanded after two months.

The book, The History of Carroll County, describes George as "an active and useful man." After the war, while in Conway, he married his first wife, Martha "Patty" Walker, in 1788. They had twelve children. After her death in 1816, he married Sarah Emery in 1824. They added three more children to the family.

In Conway, he taught school in 1781 and again from 1785 – 1786. In 1792, he became a tavernkeeper. From 1801 – 1805, he was a Conway selectman. In 1802, he was one of several men granted legislative permission to establish the "Social Library of Conway and Bartlett." From 1805 – 1806, he was the first postmaster in Conway. After all these accomplishments in Conway, he moved his family to Burton (today's Albany) in 1807 and set up a homestead in the Passaconaway area. There he established a family farm. He became a Burton selectman, teacher, and surveyor of highways. After a hurricane in 1814 severely damaged his farm, he moved his family to Bartlett in 1815 where he established another farm. The George family has a long history of service to Bartlett and in private enterprises in town.

George died at the age of 73 in October 1833. He was buried in the Upper Bartlett Cemetery in Conway.

Ebenezer Hall


Fort Ticonderoga, NY

Ebenezer "Eben" Hall was born in December 1741. Details of his pre-war life are scarce, however, he did marry and raise two sons and one daughter.

In 1776, at the age of thirty-five, at Orford, NH, Hall enlisted as a Private in Colonel Timothy Bedel's Regiment. This regiment was ordered to protect the northern borders of New Hampshire and Vermont from the British. Hall's regiment spent time in Montreal followed by New York's Fort Ticonderoga. In May 1776, he deserted his post while in Sorel, Canada, retreat point for the Continental forces after the disastrous Battle of Trois Rivieres. Sorel was a terrible place as soldiers suffered from disease, starvation, and lack of supplies.

Hall enlisted in Evans' Regiment of Militia in September 1777. This regiment reported to General Horatio Gates and to support his Saratoga Campaign. In October 1777 he, again, deserted.

In July 1778, Hall enlisted, this time in Colonel Stephen Peabody's Regiment as a Private. This regiment was deployed to Rhode Island to assist General John Sullivan's defense of that colony. Here, Hall's regiment was likely stationed in Newport and fought in the Battle of Rhode Island. He was successfully discharged in January 1779.

A curious note/mystery about Hall was found in *The American Monthly Magazine – July – December 1909*. An obituary note reads "*Ebenezer, L. Hall, d. Nov. 18, 1834, Bartlett, N.H., Hero of Stony Point, Age 74*." The Battle of Stony Point was fought on July 16, 1779, seven months after the last record of Hall's war service. An extensive search of records could not find any additional information to explain this note.

The History of Carroll County described Hall as "a man of unusual education and business qualities." He settled in the area that would be Bartlett after the war continued on next page

and became another of the town's founders. He was a farmer and schoolteacher, known as "Master" Hall. From 1800 – 1806, he was the Bartlett Town Clerk, and again in 1810. In 1811, he was a town selectman and that same year was appointed as a Judge of Probate for Coos County (Bartlett was initially a part of Coos county), an office he held until 1829. Again, from The History of Carroll Counry, Judge James W. Weeks is recorded as saying of Hall "Widows and orphans could trust their interests in his hands with perfect safety."

Eben Hall died in November 1834 at the age of 93. No record of his burial location could be found. Information found in different sources confirms his month, year and age at death but conflicts with the information noted in the American Monthly Magazine. Another mystery the historical record.

Obediah Hall

Obediah "Obed" Hall was the brother of Ebenezer Hall. Born in Massachusetts in December 1757, he was raised in Madbury, NH.

His service record notes that he enlisted in Wyman's New Hampshire Militia as a Private in August 1776 at the age of nineteen. This was apparently a short enlistment because his war records go on to report that in January 1777 he enlisted for three years in the 3rd New Hampshire Regiment in Colonel John Crane's artillery unit at the rank of Matross (an artillery gunner's mate, equivalent to a Private).

Hall's first deployment was to Valley Forge. From there, in October 1777, his regiment was engaged in the Battle of Red Bank, also known as the Battle of Fort Mercer. A publication titled Farmers Monthly Visitor, 1839, states that Hall "was among those who achieved the victory at Red Bank below Philadelphia." Fort Mercer was a key defensive position on the Delaware River. No other war records were found for Obed Hall.

After his service in the Revolutionary War, he moved to the western end of the future town of Bartlett where he cultivated his land for farming and "opened a popular house of entertainment" (a tavern). From The History of Carroll County, we learn that his first marriage was to a woman twenty years his senior; his second marriage was to a woman twenty years younger than he. It is with his second wife that he raised a family of two sons and six daughters. In The History of Carroll County an older resident is quoted as saying "Obed Hall had the smartest family raised in Bartlett and the best-looking girls."

Hall has a long career in civic positions locally as well as at the state and federal levels. From the publications The History of Carroll County and Who's Who in American History, 1607 – 1896, as another founder of Bartlett, he was the surveyor of highways in 1790 and Bartlett Selectman 1791, 1800 – 1810, 1814 – 1819. At the state level, he was a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives from 1801 – 1802, Judge on the New Hampshire Court of Common Pleas, and member of the New Hampshire Senate in 1819. As a New Hampshire democrat he served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1811 – 1813.

Another highlight of his career in public service includes being a "proprietor" for the

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100 Years Ago ...

From the 1926 Bartlett Annual Report:

- Lumber from Livermore Mills for the Saco River bridge at River Street cost $13.23 ; steel purchased through G.K. Howard was $456.02
- "Insurance Premium" for the Bartlett Village Fire Department was $9.90
- Current year school budget: $11,112.00; expected expenditures: $10,558.00

Tenth Turnpike Road in New Hampshire in 1803. This effort involved him in the building of our current Route 302 through Crawford Notch and Hart's Location.

After a long career in public service, Hall died in April 1828 at the age of 71 years old. He is buried in Garland Ridge Cemetery in Bartlett.

Joseph Pitman

Joseph Pitman came to America shortly after the start of the Revolutionary War. He descended from nobility in England according to a note found in an 1893 publication of The Granite Monthly. This publication also refers to Pitman as a "Privateersman" during the Revolution. This would have placed him on a sailing ship during the war, but all the Revolutionary War records found about him do not support this designation.

At the age of seventeen, Pitman enlisted at Madbury, NH in the Wyman's New Hampshire Militia in August 1776. He spent time at Fort Ticonderoga watching for a British invasion from Canada (no discharge date is found in the records).



Two Battle Flags for the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment

In November 1776, he signed up for a 15-month enlistment in the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment out of Dover, NH. During this enlistment, it is doubtful that Pitman saw any battle action as each of his "Muster Roll" documents list him as "In Hospital," "Sick at Fort George," "Not fit for duty," "Sick at Valley Forge," and finally "Sick, Yellow Springs." "Yellow Springs" was the name of the Continental Army's only military hospital located in Yellow Springs, PA. His actual illness remains a mystery. It is presumed that he was discharged from the army from this hospital.

Pitman purchased about 50 acres of land in 1780 in Stark's Location, today, the Intervale section of Bartlett (a.k.a. Lower Bartlett in past times). Pitman and his wife raised a family of eleven children. As one of the founding fathers of Bartlett, he was the first town Moderator in 1790, a Selectman from 1797 – 1802 and was selected as a delegate to the 1807 convention to revise the state constitution.

Pitman died in January 1820 at the age of 61 years old and was buried in the Lower Bartlett Cemetery.

Jonathan Tasker

Jonathan Tasker, another founding father of Bartlett, was born in 1752 and raised in Madbury, NH. Tasker and his wife raised two sons and four daughters in Bartlett. Before coming to Bartlett, he enlisted as a Private in the New Hampshire Militia – Tash's Regiment of Reinforcement in Dover, NH in September 1776 at the age of twenty-four under the command of Colonel Thomas Tash. Tash's unit was deployed to Fishkill, NY and ordered to support the Continental Army in that area. In December 1776, Tash's reinforcements were sent to New Jersey and fought in the Battle of Trenton where his forces were credited with the capture of 1,000 Hessian soldiers who were fighting for the British. This was the end of this enlistment for Tasker.

In February 1777, Tasker enlisted for three-years in the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment as a Corporal under the command of Colonel Nathan Hale (Hale was from NY, and not the CT Nathan Hale who was hung by the British as an American spy). His initial deployment was to Loudon's Ferry, NY where his "Company Muster Roll" lists him as "taken prisoner" on July 7,1777. In July 1778, he was apparently released or escaped

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from imprisonment and stationed in New Castle, NY followed by White Plains, NY and, from October to November 1778 in the Danbury/Hartford, CT area guarding the Continental Army supplies. From December 1778 to May 1779, he was deployed in Reading, PA. A "Company Muster Roll" notes "Promoted to Sgt (Sargeant) October 1, 1779. In November 1779, he is back in Danbury, CT where his enlistment ends.

Records of Tasker's early life are very scarce but we know that when he came to Bartlett, he started a farm that would eventually become the farm of Harry Rogers. This farm, at what is currently known as "Roger's Crossing" in Bartlett, burned in a January 1980 fire (just west of the current Attitash Ski Resort).

Tasker was the first Bartlett Town Clerk in 1790 and one of the first three selectmen that year. In 1791, he was one of the committee members chosen to lay out the roads in Bartlett. And, again, he returned to his role as Town Clerk from 1793 – 1797.

Tasker died in 1806 at the age of 54 years old. His burial location is unknown.

… In Conclusion

The six men highlighted in this article were all industrious souls who played a part in the formation of the town of Bartlett and in our fight for national independence. All these men carried out many important civic responsibilities either in Bartlett or Conway. They should be remembered for their service and dedication to the successful growth of our place in New Hampshire.

Information Sources:

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- Information from the following books, ledgers, journals, magazines, and documents:
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Bartlett Businesses – Late 1800s Through Early 1900s

In the last quarter of the 1800s, Bartlett was in a period of growth. The railroad, logging operations, new mills, plus inns and hotels brought new families and tourists to town. The population grew from 675 in 1870 to 1,247 residents in 1890. More residents meant the growth of supporting businesses – general stores, barber shops, taverns, a pool hall, and even a millinery (women's hat making shop). We'd like to learn more about these businesses.

While searching a 1901 book titled "State of New Hampshire – Manual for the General Court," we found a listing of Bartlett businesses for which we have little or no information. If anyone has information on any of these Bartlett businesses in the table below, please send a note to Phil Franklin at Phil@BartlettHistory.org.

Company Name	Type of Business	Date of Origin	Note
New Hampshire Lumber Co	Manufacturing	July 9, 1894	Could this be the corporate name for the Bartlett Land & Lumber Company?
Goodrich Falls Electric Company	Electrical	April 14, 1897	We have some information on this company. Can you add to this story?
Glen Water Company	Water Works	July 18, 1895	Was this the precursor to the Lower Bartlett Water Precinct?
Center Bartlett Water Company	Water Works	October 9, 1885	The name "Central Bartlett" is new to BHS.
Bartlett Water Company	Water Works	October 9, 1885	Charter repealed by state of NH 1925.
Bartlett Building and Improvement Company	Financial, Real Estate	October 30, 1890	Charter revoked by state of NH 1925.

The more we search for pieces of our local history, the more we learn. If you can help with the stories of our local history, please contact us. We enjoy hearing the stories and sharing them with others.

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